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In Claim 23, the possibility of R²⁰ being an amine has been deleted.

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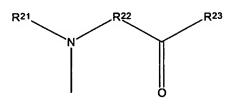
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AMENDED CLAIMS

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 R^{20} is a linker element selected from an active ester, an isothiocyanate, an acid chloride, an α -halogenated ketone and an azide.

- 5 24. A dye compound as claimed in Claim 23, wherein at least one of R^{10} , R^{11} , R^{12} , R^{13} , R^{14} and R^{15} is alkyl.
- 25. A dye compound as claimed in Claim 24, wherein one or more pairs of groups R⁴ and R¹⁰ and/or R⁵ and R¹¹ and/or R⁶ and R¹² and/or R⁷ and R¹³ and/or R⁸ and R¹⁴ and/or R⁹ and R¹⁵ is a bridging group consisting of alkylene, O-alkylene, S-alkylene or N-alkylene optionally substituted with one or more of SO₃, PO₃²⁻, OH, O-alkyl, SH, S-alkyl, COOH, COO⁻, ester, amide, halogen, SO-alkyl, SO₂NH₂, SO₂NH-alkyl, SO₂N-dialkyl, SO₃-alkyl, CN, secondary amine or tertiary amine.
 - 26. A dye compound as claimed in any one of Claims 23 to 25, wherein R^{20} is a linker element having the structure:



 R^{21} is H or alkyl or aryl optionally substituted with one or more of SO_3^- , PO_3^{2-} , OH, O-alkyl, SH, S-alkyl, COOH, COO⁻, ester, amide, halogen, SO-alkyl, SO_2N -dialkyl, CN, secondary amine or tertiary amine and R^{22} is alkylene, O-alkylene, S-alkylene or N-alkylene or R^{21} and R^{22} are part of a ring, optionally substituted with